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SUBJECT: BLUE LANTERN LEVEL 3: PRE-LICENSE END-USE CHECK

ON LICENSE 050188541

REF: YEKATERINBURG 39

- 11. This is an Action Request. See paragraph 4.
- 12. The Department's Office of Defense Trade Controls Compliance (PM/DTCC) requests Post's assistance in conducting a pre-license check on license 050188541 for the export of bullet tips to Russia. Post is requested to complete this Blue Lantern check within 30 days. Lack of response to a Blue Lantern check will affect pending and future licenses involving parties to this license.
- 13. Reason for Request: A previous Blue Lantern found that this end-user imports bullets on behalf of other individuals in Russia (REFTEL). The previous license was for 24,000 reloading bullets and has not yet been exhausted. This license is for 54,000 bullet tips. This request is to get specific details on the ultimate end-use of these bullet tips.
- 14. Action Request: Post is requested to contact Vasiliy Volovod to obtain answers to the questions below. Post is also requested to inquire with appropriate Russian officials to determine if Vasiliy Volovod is authorized to provide and/or sell ammunition components to individuals in Russia (NOTE: Another site visit is not/not required).

(To Vasiliy Volovod)

- --According to the last Blue Lantern check, you import bullets for yourself and your friends. Please provide a list of end-users of this ammunition.
- --In order to verify the personal use of these bullet tips, please provide the makes and models of the firearms with which you intend to use these bullets.
- --Why are you seeking 54,000 bullets tips on this license if the previous license is yet to be exhausted?
- --You stated that, on average, you use 300-400 rounds of ammunition per month. On average, how many rounds of ammunition does each of your friends use per month? Collectively, how many rounds of ammunition do you and your friends use per month?
- --Given this volume of ammunition, are you selling ammunition commercially?
- --Is all the ammunition to be used domestically in Russia for sport shooting/hunting? Is any being re-exported? Are you aware of prohibition against unauthorized re-export of US-origin defense articles?

(To appropriate Russian authorities)

--Is Vasiliy Volovod authorized to provide ammunition and/or ammunition components to other individuals in Russia?

In its reply, Post may also comment on any other information pertinent to these transactions such as security of facilities, end-use, and concerns about the entities involved.

15. Details of license applications:

DTC Case: 050188541

QUANTITY/COMMODITY:

20,000 Hornady Bullet Tips, .30 Caliber

6,000 Hornady Bullet Tips, .22 Caliber

2,000 Hornady Bullet Tips,.243 Caliber

2,000 Hornady Bullet Tips,.375 Caliber

20,000 Sierra Bullet Tips, .30 Caliber

4,000 Sierra Bullet Tips, .22 Caliber

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License Value: USD \$14,340

SELLER:

ABF Inc 4055 West Dartmouth Ave Denver, CO 80236 Tel: 720-231-7391

FOREIGN END-USER:

Vasiliy Volovod Pereulok Zvonkiy 12 KV 43 Ekaterinburg 620024 Russia Tel: 7-902-44-56-847

PURPOSE:

For hunting and recreational shooting

¶6. Submitted in support of the license application were the following documents (PM/DTCC will fax documentation to Posts upon request):

Purchase Order from Vasiliy Volovod signed by Vasiliy Volovod dated 09/05/2009

- 17. Please slug reply for PM/DTCC BLUE LANTERN COORDINATOR and include the words "Blue Lantern" and the case number in the subject line. POC is Kyle M. Ballard, Phone: 202-663-1929; Email: BallardKM@state.gov; SIPRNET: BallardKM@state.sgov.gov. The Blue Lantern Guidebook (ref) is available as a PDF file on Intellipedia: http://www.intelink.gov/wiki/Blue Lantern End-Use Monitoring Program
- $\P 8$. Department is grateful for Post's assistance in this matter. CLINTON